**ASI ELECTION COVERAGE**

**Kelly Griggs elected president**

Matt Fountain  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

Cal Poly students will have a new “direct student liaison” next year in Kelly Griggs. The art and design senior was elected as 2009-2010 Associated Students Inc. president with the platform of being a link between administration and the student body.

Griggs was elected president after Wednesday and Thursday’s election, with a voter turnout of over 30 percent of the student body. Due to a problem with the outside vendor who was contracted to count the votes, a numerical breakdown of the votes was not available by press time.

The results were announced at 8:30 p.m. Thursday evening before a crowd of approximately 200 students in the University Union Plaza during May Mayhem, a school-sponsored activity night.

Griggs said after the announcement that she was glad her message resonated with the student body.

“I think I really did my research and that has to do with the leadership positions I’ve held and I was able to build my platform off the issues that I feel the students really want and connect with,” she said.

“I know that I had a lot of support, great friends and a really good network of people (helping me). It was a fun process, a fun campaign and it’s just very surreal.”

Griggs also said that the campaign and election process was the greatest experience of her college career.

“I just had fun with it,” she said. “I felt like every night I would come home, my face would be tired from smiling all day. But it was such a good process; it was honestly the best educational experience that I’ve had so far at this university.”

Current ASI president Angela Kramer said after the elections results were announced that she looked forward to continuing to work with Griggs, making her transition to student body president as easy as possible.

“This is why we do elections in May,” Kramer said. “It’s a month-long transition process. Everything I’ve worked on this year, I’ve worked really hard to make sure we can transition well.”

Kramer said that she was “very proud” of Griggs, adding that she believed Griggs would be a true representative of the student body.

“Kelly is great, she has a phenomenal personality, is a great listener,” she said. “This position takes a lot of learning, a lot of growing, and I think she’s going to grow into it quite well. I really do.”

Calif. wildfire imperils Santa Barbara; homes lost

Jeff Wilson  
**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Paradise is not lost, but it’s in flames — again.

The seasonal wildfires that menace this idyllic coastal city raced to life earlier than usual but with all-too-familiar ferocity, burning mansions to their foundations and forcing more than 13,000 to flee. Dozens of homes were destroyed, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said.

“I knew it was time to leave,” said Tom Morse, 62, a day after he dashed off his motorhome as the fire neared his Mission Canyon Heights house. “I could see the flames getting closer.”

The fire was just the latest to ravage the area known as the American Riviera, home to screen stars, former presidents and Oprah Winfrey. The blaze reached the burn area of another wildfire that just six months ago destroyed about 200 homes in Santa Barbara and Montecito.

The latest 1,300-acre fire remained out of control and firefighters were on alert for a predicted return of a “sundowner” — fierce winds that sweep down late in the day from the Santa Ynez Mountains towering close behind Santa Barbara.

A sundowner on Wednesday afternoon turned a slumbering brush fire on rugged slopes above the city into a towering wildfire that hurled flames into homes and sent embers into more distant neighborhoods. Some 3,400 homes were evacuated, and another 13,000 people were advised to be ready to leave.

“It started firestorming dramatically,” said Gregg Patrynow, a lifelong Santa Barbara resident who grabbed a hose and started wetting his roof when he saw other houses ablaze.

“The fire got within 200 to 300 feet of my house.”

“There was a lot of pressure to leave,” he said. “Police wanted me out and I got a frantic call from my sister, who was walking up the hill to get me. So I packed up the car and see Fire, page 2
left, picking her up on the way.

Nearly 1,400 firefighters from more departments were on the lines, aided by aircraft. Authorities reported 10 firefighters injured, including three who sheltered in a house during a wildfire. They tossed pictures, documents and a few days of clothes into a car and went to the home of a friend.

"I've learned how important preparation is in an emergency," he said. "The public has to be prepared to move, and in Santa Barbara they are prepared. When the police squad car came through with loudspeakers telling us to leave there was no arguing. And they will all be back."

Monte, the executive director of the environmental group Global Preservation Projects, said he's not surprised by so many fires, blaming it on global warming.

"Temperatures are rising and humidity levels are dropping. It means more fires," he said.

Global warming can't be blamed for specific fires, but it creates conditions that foster larger and more frequent wildfires, scientists say.

"A warming climate encourages wildfires throughout a longer summer period that dries fuels, promoting easier ignition and faster spread," the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change wrote in 2007.

Hatch, the scooter-riding illustrator, said his wife grew up in Santa Barbara.

"Her family thinks this is normal," he said. "But after living here for 20 years I think the fires are getting worse."

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Also, a southern New Mexico wildfire destroyed three homes and damaged a fourth near the small mountain community of Tihanico. It also burned five outbuildings, such as sheds and garages, and 19 vehicles, the information officer Darlene Hart said. Twenty homes were evacuated.

In southeastern Arizona, winds cooperated Thursday in holding down a wildfire that had destroyed three homes and critically injured a man, officials said. That blaze was 30 percent contained.

Santa Monica Fire Department Battalion Chief Jose Torres watches as a wildfire flares up in the hills Santa Barbara, Calif. on Wednesday.

ASl Board of Directors Results

College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences:
Wes Carlson (364)
Kody Kester (371)
Kelsey Rugani (446)
Benjamin Scott (357)
Jacob Samuel (175)

College of Architecture and Environmental Design:
Tyler Hatrich (115)
Lindsey Newman (151)
Ryan Santillan (161)

Orfalea College of Business:
Jamie Callahan (233)
Megan Cleary (236)
Solomon Reda (225)
Jesse Schwartz (249)

College of Engineering:
Tanner Bennett (246)
Lindsey Davison (257)
Cammie Schlemmer (340)
Kaitlin Spak (253)
Matt Teresi (217)

College of Liberal Arts:
Lauren Babek (332)
Joe Ciesinski (31)
Tricia Rosas (240)
Danielle Tucker (186)

College of Science and Mathematics
Katie Berger (253)
Nick Dindio (161)
Josh Lazarus (186)
Jessica Patton (210)

Students could only vote for board members in their own colleges. The numbers of votes each candidate received are noted.

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Afghan official: 147 dead in fighting

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Crying family members angrily showed investigators the demolished buildings and graves in two western villages where a local official said Thursday he collected the names of 147 people killed in a disputed incident involving American forces and Taliban militants.

Although the results of the joint U.S.-Afghan investigation were not expected to be announced until Friday, Afghan blamed U.S. bombing raids for the deaths in the villages of Gajabad and Gerani. In the capital of Farah province, where the fighting took place, some 250 stone-throwing protesters chanted "Death to America" and clashed with police.

The large number of civilian deaths comes at an awkward time for the Obama administration, as it steps up its military campaign here while emphasizing the importance of nonmilitary efforts to stabilize the country. President Barack Obama expressed sympathy over the loss of life in a White House meeting Wednesday with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who contends that such killings undermine support for the fight against the Taliban.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, whose two-day visit in Afghanistan was overshadowed by the case, offered a new expression of U.S. regret for the deaths but stopped short of taking blame. U.S. officials maintained that the Taliban might have been responsible for at least some of the deaths.

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What happened remained a matter of dispute. U.S. forces ordered airstrikes on Taliban militants after a firefight, but Afghan officials say the bombs killed civilians who were hiding in their homes.

Villagers said they gathered women and children from homes and elderly men in several compounds near the village of Gerani to keep them away from the fighting, but that the compounds were hit by airstrikes.
After slaying, police warn Wesleyan students to stay in their dorms

Wesleyan University students were told to stay in their dorms and the city's only synagogue closed Thursday as police warned that the man wanted in the shooting death of a woman at a bookstore may be bent on killing other students and Jews.

Apparantly applying the lessons of Virginia Tech, police and administrators locked down the 3,000-student campus and stepped up patrols as authorities hunted for the killer.

Johanna Justin-Jinich, a 21-year-old student, was shot several times Wednesday inside a book-store cafe just off campus by a gunman wearing a wig. Two years ago, she complained to police in New York that the suspect, 29-year-old Stephen 1. Morgan, had stalked and threatened her.

University officials said police told them the suspect expressed threats in his personal journals toward Wesleyan and its Jewish students.

An official with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press that police confiscated Morgan's car and found a journal in which he spelled out a plan to rape and kill Justin-Jinich before going on a campus shooting spree.

State Briefs

MOUNTAIN VIEW (AP) — Google Chief Executive Eric Schmidt is taking a government inquiry into his role on Apple Inc.'s board in stride, expressing confidence that the probe won't find any evidence that the ties between the two companies throttle competition in mobile phones and other technology fields.

In a media session held Thursday before Google's shareholders meeting in Mountain View, Schmidt said he hasn't considered stepping down from Apple's board because he doesn't view the maker of the iPhone, iPod and computers as a "primary competitor." He echoed that sentiment when a shareholder later asked him to step down from Apple's board to avoid further government scrutiny.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Union-Tribune is cutting 192 jobs in another round of layoffs affecting all departments at the newspaper.

The Union-Tribune said Thursday the layoffs amount to about 14 percent of its staff, which will be reduced to about 1,350 after the cuts become effective July 1.

The layoffs come three days after Platinum Equity, a Beverly Hills private equity firm, completed its acquisition of the newspaper from Gopley Press Inc.

The newspaper did not disclose the number of cuts in each department, including in the newsroom.

WORD ON THE STREET

“What were the deciding factors on how you voted for the new Associated Students Inc. president?”

“I think I might vote for Jacob since his plans for next year seem doable. Just talking to Jon his plans seem very hopeful ... it doesn't seem like his experience as a church leader will help guide him.”

— Ken Mangalidan, biology senior

“I voted for Jacob because (Cal Poly) Dems endorsed him.”

— Tara Schueer, biology senior

“I voted for Jon and that came from the fact that I had class with him and he's in my major. He's got what it takes to do the job.”

— Henry Phan, computer science

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Bravo replacing ‘Runway’ with ‘The Fashion Show’

Samantha Crichtell

NEW YORK (AP) — Generally speaking, a fashion show and a runway go hand in hand. But for TV audiences, they'll now be rivals.

Bravo is debuting “The Fashion Show” on Thursday (10 p.m. EDT) to fill the void left by “Project Runway,” which bolted to rival Lifetime. Bravo recruited designer Isaac Mizrahi, singer Kelly Rowland and IMG Fashion Vice President Fern Mallis, the force behind much of New York Fashion Week, for its new reality show.

There are a few tweaks to “The Fashion Show.” Each week a winning garment is to be manufactured and sold to the public via an online store; all the designers are professionals; and the winner at a runway show is to be manufactured and sold to the public via an online store.

And there is, of course, the weekly challenge.

There's room for multiple fashion-themed reality shows because it's an industry that average Joes and Janes are mesmerized by and understand, says Mizrahi, who didn't name his obvious competitors.

The sixth season of “Project Runway” — which has already been taped — will air this summer on Lifetime.

“As a judge, I am looking first for integrity. I can't tell you about niches that people will fit into, but we have to train them to think properly and then think about the marketplace aspect. The difference with our show from others is that we have an audience that votes every week and they say some brutal things,” Mizrahi says.

Rowland is looking for a spark — and an outfit she'd wear — among the 15 participants, while Mallis says she is eyeing both creativity and practicality: “You have to be able to walk in it, step up a step in it,” Mallis says.

Rowland thinks it's her judges' collective perspective that will benefit the wannabe's style stars the most.

“We're all very honest,” she says. "Firm, and Honest. Isaac, that's what I call them."

And her nickname? "Clasy Kelly," says Mallis.

“We taught a lot of tough love,” Mizrahi says. “It was hard for me. As a judge I couldn't tell them the polka dots were god awful.”

There are a few tweaks to “The Fashion Show” promoter admits Braxton scam

Arny Bellor

PARAMARIBO (AP) — A Suriname promoter acknowledged trying to pass off a Las Vegas-based entertainer as six-time Grammy winner Toni Braxton at a disastrous show dubbed the “Phony Toni” concert by local media, his lawyer said Thursday.

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Stop lying to yourself; you're drunk

I am very disappointed in the Mustang Daily's decision not to endorse a candidate this year. I do not necessarily believe it is the Daily's place, or any newspaper for that matter, to take political sides. However, I think that denouncing all of the candidates has done the school a disservice and could discourage voting participation.

If the decision was not to endorse a single candidate, I understand, but I could have settled for best two out of three. And I think we all know who the two would be. Experience does matter.

— Denise Nilan

Response to "Mustang Daily endorses no one this year"

The Mustang Daily is a student newspaper that tries to maintain a level of credibility among its readers. Endorsing candidates is in the realm of tradition rather simply changes this credibility when no single candidate can claim credit (or when none distinguish themselves from the pack). The Daily took the correct position here. I've been trying to figure the difference between all three candidates for awhile now. I'm not so, fancy shirts and handsome don't affect me like they used to. In the end, I decided to write in the names of various Muppet characters who also show admirable values. I'm pulling for Fozzie Bear.

— John Swanson

Response to a comment on "Mustang Daily endorses no one this year"

"Are my regular Republican critics reaching for their inhalers yet?" Al, re-typing What a wonderful thing it is, I guess you were trying to label all Republicans as nuts. I suppose this was meant as an inside joke, but they say that nuts will inherit the earth so I take it as a compliment. Next time, stick with the politics and leave the attack at home or on the Internet. As we all know the Internet is a very serious place. Seriously.

— Dave

Response to "Obama" Supreme Court vote to influence policy for decades"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Globalists trying to save the world, not take it over

Colin McKim, are you really that dense? Do you honestly believe there is a secret organization of so-called "globalists" that are attempting to infiltrate all major governments with a secret agenda to unify the world under one oppressive and freedom-quashing rule? No, I thought Nem was paranoid.

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Ryan Moriarty

physics senior

Stop lying to yourself; you're drunk

You know the type. He's had 11 beers in two hours but...I'm not even drunk bro. I don't feel anything.

It's a claim that many college men make when drinking with friends or at the bar. Whether trying to impress a woman or to look like the "man" in front of your friends. I'm here to say just like Jimmy told the Bloods and Crips in South Park, "Come on.

Most of the time these drunkards are so desperate to come off sounding sober that they end up looking like alcoholics. It's really unnecessary. Isn't the whole point of binge drinking to get drunk? Well, revel in your drunkness then. Don't hide from it.

Trust me, most women aren't impressed by a man who claims to drink a 12-pack of Bud Light in a two-hour sitting before showing up at the party. "I was just pre-gaming," they might say with a shrug to indicate it was a three-weeks occurrence. "Now I'm going to really start drinking."

On the other hand, honestemu you've been scheming on not going to care, your friends may not even bother. Because they'll know the truth. Most of your friends here at Cal Poly have known you for a while. They know you before you started drinking that night. You can't trick them. If you can, they're bad friends who don't pay attention to you sober.

You may be able to trick some random people at a party into believing your body is 65 percent beer and a 12-pack for you is just replenishing your body, but really, what's the point? I'm not going to lie. I've done it. I've fallen pray to the Bravado that is faux sobriety.

"Sure, give me that double shot of tequila after I've had eight beers tonight, maybe it'll make me feel something," I told my roommates a couple weeks ago. I'll spare you the gruesome details but three of us were praying to the porcelain god that night and we only have two toilets so you can figure that one out on your own. If that is evidence of anything, it's that when you're drunk you obviously don't think clearly.

I don't even know who I was trying to impress. At one point it became ingrained in you that a real man drinks real beer and he feels nothing. My dad thought Milwaukee's Best Light seems every day of my childhood. He feels nothing. That beer is what I imagine sewer water tastes like.

So do yourself a favor — stop pretending you're sober and just accept the truth. If you've had double digit beers, you're probably drunk.

Sven Sibiry is a journalism senior and the Mustang Daily's sports editor.

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Cal Poly sophomore infielder J.J. Thompson throws to first base during the Mustangs’ 7-4 victory over San Francisco last Sunday.

The Mustangs’ win tonight against the Titans sets up a possible showdown for second place in the conference but also of a possible postseason berth will visit Bagger Stadium this weekend.

Cal State Fullerton (34-12, 12-6) will face off against the Mustangs tonight at 6 p.m. in a three-game series.

The Titans, currently No. 6 in the Baseball America Top 25 polls and tied with Cal Poly for second in the conference, have a championship pedigree. The Titans have made six NCAA Regional appearances and are four-time national champions.

Meanwhile Cal Poly has never been invited to the postseason at the Division I level. A series win over Cal State Fullerton could go a long way towards guaranteeing the Mustangs their first regional berth.

With an NCAA RPI ranking of 50th according to Boydsword.com, Cal Poly may be on the bubble for a regional selection despite being ranked 12th in the polls. Cal State Fullerton is currently second in the RPI behind North Carolina.

A series win against the Titans would likely boost the Mustangs off the bubble for the 64-team regional field.

Cal Poly is playing without freshman second baseman Matt Suggs, who suffered a broken clavicle of the year after a broken clavicle suffered in a collision against San Francisco last Saturday.

Cal State Fullerton brings a strong pitching staff to match up against the Mustangs high-octane offense. They are led by starting pitchers Daniel Renken (6-2, 2.27 ERA), Nee Ramirez (9-1, 2.89 ERA) and Tyler Pill (8-3, 3.21 ERA).

The Titans won two of their last three games at Goodwin Field in Fullerton and hold a 53-30 advantage in the all-time series.